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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-E11, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) 2005-2006 (OMB No. 0920-0278)—Extension—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) is managed by CDC, NCHS, Division of Health Care Statistics. This survey has been conducted annually since 1992. The purpose of NHAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States. Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The targeted population for NHAMCS will consist of in-person visits made to outpatient departments and emergency departments that are non-Federal, short-stay hospitals (hospitals with an average length of stay

of less than 30 days) or those whose specialty is general (medical or surgical) or children's general. NHAMCS was initiated to complement the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS, OMB No. 0920-0234) which provides similar data concerning patient visits to physicians' offices.

NHAMCS provides a range of baseline data on the characteristics of the users and providers of ambulatory medical care. Data collected include patients' demographic characteristics and reason(s) for visit, and the physicians' diagnosis, diagnostic services, medications, and disposition. In addition to the annual statistics normally collected, a key focus of the 2005/06 survey will be on the prevention and treatment of selected chronic conditions. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, for the planning of health services, improving medical education, and assessing the health status of the population.

Users of NHAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional offices, Federal agencies, state and local governments, schools of public health, researchers, administrators, and health planners. Data collection will continue through 2005 to 2006. The number of respondents for the NHAMCS is based on an annual sample of approximately 500 hospitals with an 88 percent participation rate. There are no costs to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs)	Total burden hours
Induction forms:				
Hospital (Ineligible)	50	1	15/60	13
Hospital (Eligible)	440	1	1	440
Emergency Departments	400	1	1	400
Outpatient Departments	240	4	1	960
Patient record forms:				
Emergency Departments	400	100	5/60	3,333
Outpatient Departments	240	150	5/60	3,000
Total				8,146

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March 9, 2004. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 10, 2004.

Place: Admiral Fell Inn, 888 South Broadway, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. Telephone: 410/522-7377 or toll free 866/583-4162.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 75 people.

Purpose: The Committee shall provide advice and guidance to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding new scientific knowledge and technological developments and their practical implications for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. The Committee shall also review and report regularly on childhood lead poisoning prevention practices and recommend improvements in national childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include: Update on the Adverse Health Effects of Blood Lead Levels <10mg/dl workgroup report, presentation and discussion of lead exposure during pregnancy, update of strategic planning process by state and local childhood lead poisoning prevention programs, High Intensity Screening as a component of a local plan to eliminate lead poisoning and an update on research and program evaluation activities ongoing in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. Opportunities will be provided during the meeting for oral comments. Depending on the time available and the number of requests, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

Contact Person for More Information: Crystal M. Gresham, Program Analyst, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Hwy, NE., M/S F-40, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-7490, fax 770/488-3635.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

Name: Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National

Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Time and date: 11 a.m.–5 p.m., January 15, 2004.

Place: The Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41048, telephone (859) 586-0166, fax (859) 586-0266.

Status: Closed 9 a.m.–5 p.m., January 15, 2004.

Background: The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (“the Board”) was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) of 2000 to advise the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, evaluation of the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstructions conducted by NIOSH for qualified cancer claimants, and advice on the addition of classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort. In December 2000 the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was renewed on August 3, 2003, and the President has completed the appointment of members to the Board to ensure a balanced representation on the Board.

Purpose: This board is charged with (a) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) Upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will involve a review and discussion of the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) for task order contracts

and proposals of work for the performance of these task order contracts. The Board may revise or accept the IGCE, the task orders, and/or some or all of the ABRWH independent dose reconstruction review contractor's bids. These contracts will serve to provide technical support consultation to assist the ABRWH in fulfilling its statutory duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts under the EEOICPA. These discussions will include reviews of the technical proposals to determine adequacy of the proposed approach and associated contract cost estimates. The information being discussed will include information of a confidential nature. The IGCEs will include contract cost estimates, the disclosure of which would adversely impact the Governments negotiating position and strategy in regards to these contracts by giving the ABRWH independent dose reconstruction review contractor undue advantage in determining the price associated with its bids. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth regarding subject matter considered confidential under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), 48 CFR 5.401(b)(1) and (4), and 48 CFR 7.304(d), and the Determination of the Director of the Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463. A summary of this meeting will be prepared and submitted within 14 days of the close of the meeting.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Elliott, Executive Secretary, ABRWH, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533-6825, fax (513) 533-6826.

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